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Set-Top Box for Personal Video
Recording Applications

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The undersigned, being sole inventor and Applicant of the above-identified patent application, hereby declares the following based on information and belief.

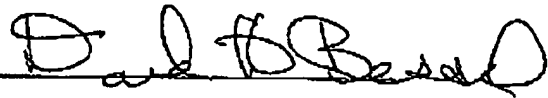
1. I, David H. Bessel, invented the subject matter now claimed in the above-identified patent application prior to December 28, 2000, the filing date of U.S. 2004/0261112 to Hicks, III et al. ("Hicks").

2. I conceived of the invention as presently claimed and described that invention in writing in such complete terms as to enable one of skill in the art to practice the invention as claimed without undue experimentation at least as early as September 22, 2000. This writing also enabled the preparation of the above-identified patent application.

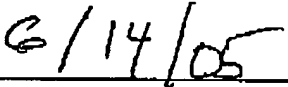
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